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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1905.

Credit Bureau Suggested.

At the Board of Trade meeting Thurs-
day night Fred J. Ogden, chairman of the
Internal Trade Committee, submitted the
following report for that committee:The Internal Trade Committee re-
commends the establishment of a credit
bureau which shall be conducted under
their management.Its object shall be to cultivate a
friendly feeling and good fellowship
among its members, to mutually pro-
tect them against dishonest creditors, and
to assist them in collecting delin-
quent accounts, to abate trade abuses,
to expose fraud and to consider matters
of public interest to the town.Any member of the Board of Trade
extending credit in the town, having an
account which he finds he cannot collect
shall immediately place the name of the
creditor in a book kept for that purpose
and labeled "List of Doubtful Creditors,"
which shall remain in possession
of the chairman of the bureau.It shall be the privilege of any mem-
ber of this body (a local business man),
to have access to this book at any time,
to receive such information as he may
require. He shall refuse to sell except
for cash any person whose name may
appear on this list, until such claim has
been satisfied.If any member finds that he has al-
ready given credit to the delinquent
reported, he may continue to do so, but
if he has not already given credit he
shall be morally bound to withhold it.
Any disputed claim may be reported to
the chairman of this bureau and referred
to the Committee on Internal Trade
with power to adjust settlement.The chairman of the Internal Trade
Committee shall be the chairman of
this bureau. Respectfully submitted,

INTERNAL TRADE COMMITTEE,

F. J. OGDEN, Chairman.

The above report was the subject of
animated discussion, and opinion was
divided upon the question of its adop-
tion. Charles E. Kocher raised the
question of the liability for damages of
the board or members of the board in
case of alleged damages, in case an
error or mistake was made in the opera-
tion of the proposed system, and on his
motion the matter was referred to the
legal committee for investigation.M. N. Higgins claimed that many of
the bad debts incurred by local business
men was due to an over keen competi-
tion for business, and that new comers
found their places stocked with coal,
ice, groceries and other things upon
their arrival here and the parties them-
selves did not know who furnished the
goods. It was charged that real estate
agents were responsible for that order
of things.Mr. Brooks advocated the adoption
of the report on the ground that local
business men might have a bureau of
information such as Dunn's or Brad-
street's affords the larger business
world.Humored Lackawanna Extension.
A report from Delaware Water Gap
states that there is a rumor in railroad
circles to the effect that the Lackawanna
Railroad intends to build a road into
Philadelphia, leaving the main line at
Portland and going over the Bangor and
Portland branch as far as that road goes,
and from there into Philadelphia over a
new route. President Truesdale's pri-
vate train went over the Bangor and
Portland branch recently, and the pres-
ident was accompanied by other officials
of the road, and it is understood that
the proposed route to Philadelphia was
the main subject under consideration on
the trip.Proctor's Theatre.
There will be a big treat for the chil-
dren who attend the Saturday matinee
performance to-day at Proctor's Park
Place Theatre, Newark. Special ar-
rangements have been made for the
care of the little folks and no one need
have any fear of allowing them to go
to the theatre unattended by parents or
other adult guardians. Immediately
after the last act on the long laughter
producing bill of attractions, the cur-
tains will be raised and the stage will be
decked in an appropriate Christmas
season setting. There will be shown
the interior of a cozy home and an
exterior view, with a snow storm to
make the portrayal more realistic.

INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

Breaking a Strong Cask With Half a
Pint of Water.That a small quantity of water, say
half a pint, may be made to burst a
strong cask seems a startling state-
ment to make, and yet it is true. It is
a well known law of physics that the
pressure exerted by liquids increases
in proportion to their depth. Suppose,
therefore, that we have a strong cask
filled with water and standing on end.
The staves of this cask may be made to
burst apart by adding a very small
quantity of water to what is already
in the cask. As the cask is already
full, some way of adding the water
must be devised. To do this a hole is
bored in the end or head of the cask,
and a long tube of small diameter is
inserted upright. At the upper end of
the tube is a small funnel into which
water is poured until the tube becomes
full, and when that point is reached
the cask will burst.This seems almost incredible, but
it is only a demonstration of the law
that has been cited. When the water
is poured into the tube it unites with
the water in the cask, and the depth of
the water is several times as great as
that in the cask alone. The fact that
there is only a small quantity of water
in the tube makes no difference for it
is now one body, and its depth is gauged
from the top of the tube to the bot-
tom of the cask.As a matter of fact, this experiment
is only an artificial reproduction of
what we know takes place in nature.
Some of her greatest convulsions are
caused by this very process. Suppose,
for example, that there is a great mass
of rock, under which there is a cavity
filled with water that has no outlet.
Suppose, moreover, that there is a crack
extending from the surface of the rock
through this mass of rock to the
water filled cavity underneath. A
rock in this condition is a common
thing in nature, the crack being caused
by some disturbance of the earth or by
its splitting in the natural order of
things. Now, when it rains enough to
fill that crack, thus increasing the depth
of the water in the cavity, the pressure
will become so great that the rock will
be torn into a hundred fragments.

SIAMESE BELIEFS.

Some Peculiar Notions of a Very Su-
perstitious People.
"The Siamese are a very supersti-
tious people," says Ernest Young, au-
thor of the "Kingdom of the Yellow
Earth." "They have many peculiar ex-
planations of natural phenomena.
Thunder, for instance, is the sky cry-
ing." They believe that in the realms
above is a horrible giant whose wife
has a violent and uncertain temper.
When they quarrel the echo of his
voice comes in long, rolling notes from
the clouds. If he is very angry he
throws his hatchet at his unruly spouse,
and when this ponderous weapon
strikes the floor of heaven the thunder-
bolts fall through and come to earth.
"Falling stars are accounted for by
the fact that the angels occasionally
indulge in torch throwing at one an-
other. When these same beings all
assist upon getting into the bath at once
the water splashes over the side and it
rains. The winds that sigh in the
night are the voices of babies that have
lost their way in their travels to the
land beyond the grave."When a Siamese dies he is not
buried, but his corpse, fully dressed
and then wrapped in a winding sheet,
is placed in a sitting posture in a
cooper urn. A tube is placed in his mouth
and through this a mixture of quick-
silver and honey is poured into the
body. In this way it is kept for a
long time, often for years. Eventually
it is burned, and the ashes are care-
fully preserved. The souls of those
whose bones at least are not burned
are supposed to become slaves of a
horrid taskmaster with a head like a
dog, a human body and the temper of
a fiend. He sits for all time with his
foot in the fires of hell, and it is the
duty of his slaves to keep these fires
from growing too hot. To do this they
must carry water in open wicker bas-
kets through all eternity."The Egg Cure For Fevers.
A Chicago doctor says that for the
last fifteen years he has used egg to
cure fever and has yet to see a case it
will not cure. The way to apply the
egg is as follows: Take a fresh egg
and crack the shell at the larger end.
Make a hole just large enough to admit
the thumb or finger, whichever it may
be, and force it into the egg as far as
possible without rupturing the shell.
Wipe off the egg which runs out and
bind a handkerchief or soft cloth
around the finger or thumb, leaving
the egg overnight. This will generally
cure in one application, but if not
make another application.

A Philosophy of Joy.

A quiet home, vines of our own plant-
ing; a few books full of the inspiration
of genius; a few friends worthy of
being loved and able to love us in turn;
hundred innocent pleasures that bring
no pain or remorse; a devotion to the
right that will never waver; a simple
religion, empty of all bigotry, full of
trust and hope and love—and to such a
philosophy this world will give us all
the joy it has.—David Swing.

Lots of It.

"I should think there would be a
great deal of local color in this village,"
said the lady novelist to the old
resident.
"There be, mum," replied the latter.
"There be bin more houses painted
this year than there be for ten year."
—Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

A Surprise Party.

Mrs. Askitt—I hope you had a
surprise party at your house yesterday.
Mrs. Tellit (absently)—Yes, my hus-
band gave me \$10 without my asking for it.—San Francisco Call.

Belleview will elect.

On the recommendation of Township
Counsel Perry, the Belleville Township
Committee has decided to continue its
fight against the city of Orange in the
matter of the latter's outlet sewer, notwithstanding
the decision of Vice-Chancellor Emery at Trenton a few
weeks ago.Mr. Perry had recommended that the
case be carried to the court of last re-
sort. In its present state, he reported,
it will leave it an open question as to
whether the Vice-Chancellor has properly
construed the law. At present the whole
case is in an unsatisfactory state.
The township attempted to force Or-
ange to live up to its contract with
Belleview in the matter of the disposal
of the sewage. According to the provi-
sions of the contract the gate of the
outlet sewer, emptying into the river at
the Greenwood Lake Railroad bridge,
was to be opened only with the outgoing
tide. Belleview's contention now is
that through the contract was lived up
to for two years or so, after that the
gate was open at all times, allowing the
sewage to flow up and down the river.

Savings Bank Dividends.

The managers of the Bloomfield Sav-
ings Institution declared this week the
seventieth semi-annual dividend of in-
terest to depositors. The rate of inter-
est to be paid on January 1 is the same
as has been paid since July, 1904, at
which time it was increased to four per
cent, on amounts up to \$1,000, and three
and one-half per cent, on the part of
any deposit exceeding \$1,000.The bank is now thirty-five years old,
having been organized in the spring of
1871, and has prospered and paid semi-
annual dividends continuously since
that time.Depositors of the Bloomfield Insti-
tution will feel gratified to know that they
are receiving a higher rate of interest
than that paid by any savings bank in
the vicinity; in fact, we know of but one
similar institution in the State which
within recent years has paid as high a
rate.

Foresters' Election.

Court Elects Officers. Independent Order
of Foresters, elected these officers Wed-
nesday night: Court deputy, Charles
Bierwiler; chief ranger, Dr. Joseph C.
Salle; vice-chief ranger, Charles Mertz;
recording secretary, J. J. Morrison;
financial secretary, Harry Cooper;
treasurer, Joseph Fronapfel; court
physician, Dr. Frank W. Lockwood;
court druggist, Dr. Joseph C. Salle;
senior woodward, Rafael Matthews;
junior woodward, John H. Moore; senior
beadle, Charles Hotchkiss; junior
beadle, Frederick Fielescher; organist,
Robert Rawson; finance committee,
Charles Volkaerts and Robert Rawson;
trustees, George Scherer and J. Herman
Fronapfel.

Church Services.

The Rev. Elliott W. Brown will speak
Sunday morning in the Glen Ridge
Church on "Lessons from Child Life,"
and in the evening on "The Christian
Learning Lessons from Men of the
World."Rev. S. T. Jackson, pastor of the
Watseka M. E. Church, is expected
to speak to-day on the ship St. Paul and
will occupy his pulpit to-morrow both
morning and evening.Dr. C. S. Woodruff will preach at both
services in the Park M. E. Church to-
morrow. Morning topic: "After the
Revival, what?" Evening subject:
"Born with a silver spoon, died with a
lead bullet."

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT.

The annual meeting of this Company for
the election of officers and for the transaction
of such other business as may come up will
be held at the Company's office, No. 1
Broad Street, Bloomfield, N. J., on Monday,
January 8, 1906, at four o'clock P. M.

J. H. DODD, Secretary.

BLOOMFIELD TRUST COMPANY.

The annual stated meeting of the stockholders
of this Company for the election of officers
and for the transaction of such other business
as may come up will be held on the
first day of January, 1906, at the Company's
office, No. 1 Broad Street, Bloomfield, N. J., at
12 o'clock noon.

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INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

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Library Notes.

A reflection of the coming holidays is
always to be seen in the Jarvis Memorial
Library, and now we are reminded that
the Christmas season is approaching.The magazine racks hold a wealth of
Christmas reading, and the advertising
pages of the periodicals are often as
interesting as the pages which are in-
cluded in the table of contents.Of course the publishers offer a be-
wildering variety of good things to
tempt Christmas buyers, and really there
is only one thing finer for Christmas,
and that is a library card. For the as-
sistance of those whose friends either
are already subscribers or else live out
of town, and so cannot use a card, there
is a very helpful bulletin from Pratt
Institute posted near the door, and of
easy access. This gives a choice list of
books suitable for Christmas gifts, both
new and old, many of which can be seen
in the library. There is a wide range of
subjects, and the books suggested for
children are especially good.The librarian has very considerably
placed near by a number of publishers'catalogues, giving description and prices
of most of the books mentioned in the
Pratt list.But if you are going to give to a friend
in town, think again before selecting a
book. Look around the library at the
shelves filled with inviting volumes, with
a range extending from the wisdom of the
ancients to the latest follies of the moderns,
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Foresters' Election.

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